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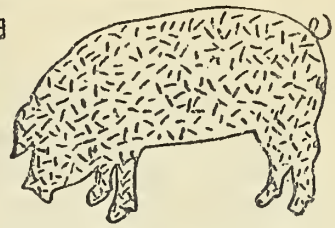

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PIG CROP REPORT, DECEMBER 1954

The Crop Reporting Board of the Agricultural Marketing Service makes the following report of sows farrowing, pigs per litter, and pigs saved. This report is based upon returns from some 157,000 farmers obtained in cooperation with the Post Office Department through the rural mail carriers.

	SPRING PIG CROP (December 1 - June 1)				FALL PIG CROP (June 1 - December 1)			
	Average 1943-52	1954	1955	1955 % of 1954	Average 1943-52	1953	1954	1954 % of 1953
	Thousand head				Thousand head			
SOWS FARROWING								
United States	9,025	8,080	1/8,469	105	5,530	4,751	5,424	114
N.Cent.States (Corn Belt)	6,810	6,444	1/6,772	105	3,657	3,502	3,971	113
PIGS SAVED								
United States	57,023	55,728	2/58,500	105	35,850	31,809	36,766	116
N.Cent.States (Corn Belt)	43,476	44,767	2/47,000	105	24,054	23,519	27,089	115
PIGS PER LITTER	Number				Number			
United States	6.33	6.90			6.49	6.70	6.78	
N.Cent. States (Corn Belt)	6.40	6.95			6.58	6.72	6.82	

	PIGS SAVED ANNUALLY (Year ended Dec. 1)			
	Average 1943-52	1953	1954	1954 % of 1953
	Thousand head			
United States	92,873	81,512	92,494	113
N.Cent. States (Corn Belt)	67,530	63,467	71,856	113

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1/1955 spring farrowings are indicated from breeding intentions reports.

2/Average number of pigs per litter with allowance for trend used to compute indicated number of spring pigs. Number rounded to nearest 500,000 head.

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The 1954 pig crop totaled 92.5 million head, an increase of 13 percent from a year ago, the Crop Reporting Board announced today. The spring pig crop at 55.7 million head was up 12 percent and the fall crop at 36.8 million head was 16 percent larger. The number of sows farrowing this fall was 14 percent larger than last year. The number of pigs saved per litter for the fall crop at 6.78 pigs is the highest on record. The fall pig crop was the largest since 1951.

For the 1955 spring pig crop, reports on breeding intentions indicate a total of 8,469,000 sows to farrow, 5 percent above the number farrowing last spring. If the intentions for spring farrowings materialize and the number of pigs saved per litter equals the 10-year average with an allowance for upward trend, the 1955 spring pig crop would be 58.5 million head. A crop of this size would be 5 percent larger than last spring.

Marketings during the early fall months from the 1954 spring crop were at heavier weights than in 1953. On December 1, the number of hogs over 6 months old including sows was reported to be about 14 percent larger than last year.

This report is based on a survey of 157,000 farm and ranch operators. These returns were obtained largely in cooperation with the Post Office Department through rural mail carriers.

Fall Pig Crop: The number of pigs saved in the fall season of 1954 (June 1 to December 1) is estimated at 36,766,000 head. This is 4,957,000 head or 16 percent larger than the 1953 fall crop, 3 percent above the 1943-52 average, and the largest fall crop since 1951. Fall pig numbers are above last year in all regions. The North Atlantic States are up 12 percent; east North Central, 16 percent; west North Central, 15 percent; South Atlantic, 14 percent; South Central, 20 percent; and West, 18 percent.

The number of sows farrowing in the fall of 1954 is estimated at 5,424,000 head or 14 percent greater than a year ago, but 2 percent smaller than the 10-year average. The 1954 fall farrowings are 4 percentage points above the number that farmers' reports last June indicated would farrow. All regions except the West show larger increases in fall farrowings than indicated last June. The percentages that the 1954 fall farrowings are of 1953 as now estimated and the fall intentions as reported last June are as follows: North Atlantic, 110 percent now and 101 percent last June; east North Central, 114 and 112; west North Central, 113 and 108; South Atlantic, 114 and 109; South Central, 119 and 112; and West, 118 and 119.

The number of pigs saved per litter at 6.78 is the highest on record for the fall pig crop. This is 1 percent more than the 6.70 pigs saved per litter for 1953 which was the previous high. Favorable farrowing weather, further specialization of hog production with better management and care, and favorable hog prices early in the fall season have all been factors which have contributed to the increase in average number of pigs per litter.

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SOWS FARROWING, PIGS PER LITTER, AND PIGS SAVED, 1944-55 UNITED STATES

Year	Sows farrowing: Spring (Dec. 1-June 1)	Sows farrowing: Fall (June 1-Dec. 1)	Pigs per litter: Spring (Dec. 1-June 1)	Pigs per litter: Fall (June 1-Dec. 1)	Pigs Saved: Spring (Dec. 1-June 1)	Pigs Saved: Fall (June 1-Dec. 1)	Pigs Saved: Year (Dec. 1-Dec. 1)
	Thousand head					Thousand head	
1944	9,246	4,882	6.03	6.33	55,754	30,905	86,659
1945	8,302	5,429	6.29	6.38	52,216	34,611	86,827
1946	8,077	4,704	6.46	6.49	52,191	30,503	82,694
1947	8,548	4,866	6.11	6.39	52,199	31,090	83,289
1948	7,833	5,070	6.44	6.58	50,468	33,358	83,826
1949	8,820	5,568	6.46	6.52	56,969	36,275	93,244
1950	9,174	5,923	6.31	6.65	57,935	39,404	97,339
1951	9,591	6,032	6.47	6.60	62,007	39,804	101,811
1952	8,480	5,257	6.64	6.65	56,270	34,961	91,231
1953	7,300	4,751	6.81	6.70	49,703	31,809	81,512
1954	8,080	5,424	6.90	6.78	55,728	36,766	92,494
1955 1/	8,469	---	2/6.90	---	58,500	---	---

1/Spring farrowing indicated from breeding intentions reports.

2/Average number of pigs per litter with allowance for trend used to compute indicated number of spring pigs. Number rounded to nearest 500,000 head.

U. S. SOWS FARROWING, BY MONTHS, FALL

Year	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Total
			Thousand head				
1943-52 av.	776	630	1,126	1,696	917	385	5,530
1952	809	658	1,209	1,559	734	288	5,257
1953	683	624	1,196	1,319	646	283	4,751
1954	821	770	1,397	1,413	689	334	5,424
			Percent of total fall sows farrowing				
1943-52 av.	14.0	11.4	20.3	30.7	16.6	7.0	100.0
1952	15.4	12.5	23.0	29.6	14.0	5.5	100.0
1953	14.4	13.1	25.2	27.8	13.6	5.9	100.0
1954	15.1	14.2	25.8	26.0	12.7	6.2	100.0

State and Div.	SOWS FARROWING: SPRING (Dec. 1-June 1) 10-yr. average 1943-52 (000)	SPRING 1953 (000)	SPRING 1954 (000)	SPRING 1955 1/ (000)	SPRING % of 1954	FALL (June 1-Dec. 1) 10-yr. average 1943-52 (000)	FALL 1953 (000)	FALL 1954 (000)	FALL % of 1953	PIGS PER LITTER: SPRING Number 1953	SPRING Number 1954	FALL Number 1953	FALL Number 1954
Maine	6	4	3	3	103	5	2	4	140	6.7	6.2	6.7	6.9
N.H.	2	1	1	1	92	2	1	1	140	7.0	6.8	6.8	7.3
Vt.	3	2	1	2	107	2	1	1	75	7.3	7.4	7.6	6.8
Mass.	14	10	8	8	105	10	10	11	110	5.9	5.2	5.7	6.1
R.I.	1	1	1	1	100	1	1	1	100	6.2	5.4	6.4	6.2
Conn.	5	2	3	2	68	4	3	3	108	7.0	6.6	6.9	6.5
N.Y.	32	23	22	23	105	24	14	16	114	7.4	7.1	7.5	7.6
N.J.	16	14	13	14	108	11	6	5	90	6.4	6.3	6.6	6.4
Pa.	86	79	75	77	103	78	58	64	110	7.0	7.1	7.0	7.1
N.A.	165	136	127	131	103	135	96	106	110	6.92	6.87	6.91	7.01
Ohio	434	400	412	420	102	374	319	364	114	7.13	6.99	6.99	6.98
Ind.	585	554	593	640	108	536	512	589	115	7.00	7.11	6.83	6.86
Ill.	935	882	970	1,018	105	589	580	667	115	6.74	6.84	6.57	6.70
Mich.	123	102	112	115	103	97	86	94	109	6.99	7.12	6.89	6.89
Wis.	332	281	323	339	105	175	163	183	112	6.85	7.05	6.73	6.86
N.C.E.	2,410	2,219	2,410	2,532	105	1,771	1,660	1,897	114	6.90	6.98	6.75	6.83
Minn.	699	564	632	651	103	260	273	311	114	6.72	6.83	6.56	6.76
Iowa	1,983	1,748	1,923	2,019	105	817	911	1,011	111	6.99	7.03	6.69	6.84
Mo.	511	449	494	494	100	429	370	407	110	6.84	7.11	6.87	6.92
N.Dak.	128	74	89	95	107	20	12	15	125	6.85	6.68	6.55	6.74
S.Dak.	360	275	314	339	108	57	56	66	118	6.43	6.54	6.30	6.57
Nebr.	520	386	455	500	110	170	144	174	121	6.67	6.77	6.42	6.70
Kans.	199	104	127	142	112	133	76	90	119	6.78	6.97	6.92	6.68
N.C.W.	4,400	3,600	4,034	4,240	105	1,886	1,842	2,074	113	6.84	6.93	6.68	6.82
N.C.	6,810	5,819	6,444	6,772	105	3,657	3,502	3,971	113	6.87	6.95	6.72	6.82
Del.	4	4	4	4	105	4	4	4	108	7.0	7.4	7.1	6.9
Md.	31	31	29	30	103	29	22	24	109	6.7	7.2	7.1	6.9
Va.	93	77	75	77	103	87	63	69	110	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.1
W.Va.	24	15	16	17	106	24	15	16	107	7.3	7.4	7.3	7.4
N.C.	142	139	152	150	99	113	97	115	119	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.9
S.C.	82	60	65	60	93	76	57	63	111	6.0	6.5	6.6	6.5
Ga.	208	195	218	218	100	183	155	181	117	6.5	6.7	6.6	6.5
Fla.	92	76	66	76	115	73	51	55	108	6.1	6.0	5.9	5.8
S.A.	675	597	625	632	101	589	464	527	114	6.55	6.69	6.65	6.64
Ky.	167	106	127	138	109	138	96	115	120	6.8	7.0	6.9	7.0
Tenn.	153	103	128	138	108	136	92	109	118	6.7	6.8	6.9	6.8
Ala.	131	110	124	126	102	127	108	126	117	6.6	6.8	6.7	6.9
Miss.	108	51	59	57	97	89	56	60	107	6.1	5.9	6.1	5.9
Ark.	113	44	46	48	105	88	37	43	116	6.7	6.8	6.7	6.7
La.	106	51	51	52	102	86	42	48	115	5.7	6.2	5.9	6.0
Okla.	112	51	68	71	105	97	46	58	126	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.6
Texas	205	87	113	130	115	186	97	126	130	6.5	6.7	6.4	6.5
S.C.	1,095	603	716	760	106	946	574	685	119	6.55	6.70	6.60	6.64
Mont.	34	16	19	22	116	20	10	12	120	7.2	7.0	7.0	6.8
Idaho	35	14	17	17	100	23	10	13	130	6.7	6.9	7.1	6.9
Wyo.	11	5	5	5	100	8	4	4	100	6.7	6.6	7.0	7.0
Colo.	47	21	29	24	83	32	16	21	131	6.3	6.5	6.4	6.7
N.Mex.	11	6	7	7	100	7	5	5	110	6.5	6.9	5.6	6.6
Ariz.	4	2	2	2	100	3	3	2	80	6.0	6.9	6.0	6.0
Utah	14	7	9	9	105	10	5	6	120	6.7	6.2	6.7	6.2
Nev.	3	2	3	3	111	2	1	2	120	6.0	6.7	6.9	6.2
Wash.	24	12	14	17	121	18	10	14	140	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.1
Oreg.	26	14	17	21	124	19	10	14	140	7.1	6.9	7.5	7.3
Calif.	70	46	46	47	102	60	41	42	102	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.0
West.	279	145	168	174	104	202	115	135	118	6.59	6.61	6.58	6.57
U.S.	9,025	7,300	8,080	8,469	105	5,530	4,751	5,424	114	6.81	6.90	6.70	6.78

1/ Number indicated to farrow from breeding intentions reports.

PIGS SAVED

State and Division	SPRING (Dec. 1 - June 1)				FALL (June 1 - Dec. 1)				YEAR			
	10-yr. average 1943-52 (000)	1953 (000)	1954 (000)	1954 % of 1953	10-yr. average 1943-52 (000)	1953 (000)	1954 (000)	1954 % of 1953	10-yr. average 1943-52 (000)	1953 (000)	1954 (000)	1954 % of 1953
Maine	38	28	19	68	33	17	24	141	71	45	43	96
N.H.	16	10	9	90	12	7	10	143	28	17	19	112
Vt.	19	12	10	83	16	9	6	67	35	21	16	76
Mass.	77	59	42	71	55	57	67	118	132	116	109	94
R.I.	5	3	3	100	5	3	3	100	10	6	6	100
Conn.	27	17	16	94	24	17	18	106	51	34	34	100
N.Y.	225	170	156	92	169	105	122	116	394	275	278	101
N.J.	103	90	82	91	71	40	35	88	174	130	117	90
Pa.	570	553	533	96	529	406	454	112	1,099	959	987	103
N.A.	1,080	942	870	92	914	661	739	112	1,994	1,603	1,609	100
Ohio	2,883	2,852	2,880	101	2,551	2,211	2,541	115	5,434	5,063	5,421	107
Ind.	3,830	3,878	4,216	109	3,554	3,497	4,041	116	7,384	7,375	8,257	112
Ill.	5,874	5,945	6,635	112	3,837	3,811	4,469	117	9,711	9,756	11,104	114
Mich.	830	713	797	112	658	593	648	109	1,488	1,306	1,445	111
Wis.	2,207	1,925	2,277	118	1,172	1,097	1,255	114	3,379	3,022	3,532	117
N.C.E.	15,624	15,313	16,805	110	11,772	11,209	12,954	116	27,396	26,522	29,759	112
Minn.	4,422	3,790	4,317	114	1,670	1,791	2,102	117	6,092	5,581	6,419	115
Iowa	12,722	12,219	13,519	111	5,336	6,095	6,915	113	18,058	18,314	20,434	112
Mo.	3,322	3,071	3,512	114	2,877	2,542	2,816	111	6,198	5,613	6,328	113
N.Dak.	817	507	595	117	126	79	101	128	943	586	696	119
S.Dak.	2,188	1,768	2,054	116	349	353	434	123	2,537	2,121	2,488	117
Nebr.	3,129	2,575	3,080	120	1,055	924	1,166	126	4,184	3,499	4,246	121
Kans.	1,252	705	885	126	869	526	601	114	2,121	1,231	1,486	121
N.C.W.	27,852	24,635	27,962	114	12,282	12,310	14,135	115	40,134	36,945	42,097	114
N.C.	43,476	39,948	44,767	112	24,054	23,519	27,089	115	67,530	63,467	71,856	113
Del.	27	30	30	100	27	27	28	104	54	57	58	102
Md.	207	208	209	100	192	156	166	106	398	364	375	103
Va.	596	539	525	97	587	441	490	111	1,183	980	1,015	104
W.Va.	166	110	118	107	170	110	118	107	336	220	236	107
N.C.	892	931	1,018	109	730	650	794	122	1,621	1,581	1,812	115
S.C.	473	360	422	117	463	376	410	109	936	736	832	113
Ga.	1,240	1,268	1,461	115	1,101	1,023	1,176	115	2,341	2,291	2,637	115
Fla.	483	464	396	85	390	301	319	106	873	765	715	93
S.A.	4,083	3,910	4,179	107	3,660	3,084	3,501	114	7,742	6,994	7,680	110
Ky.	1,084	721	889	123	930	662	805	122	2,014	1,383	1,694	122
Tenn.	975	690	870	126	905	635	741	117	1,880	1,325	1,611	122
Ala.	797	726	843	116	786	724	869	120	1,582	1,450	1,712	118
Miss.	586	311	348	112	495	342	354	104	1,081	653	702	108
Ark.	683	295	313	106	558	248	288	116	1,241	543	601	111
La.	561	291	316	109	462	248	288	116	1,024	539	604	112
Okla.	701	347	462	133	628	308	383	124	1,330	655	845	129
Texas	1,254	566	757	134	1,165	621	819	132	2,419	1,187	1,576	133
S.C.	6,641	3,947	4,798	122	5,930	3,788	4,547	120	12,571	7,735	9,345	121
Mont.	216	115	133	116	130	70	82	117	345	185	215	116
Idaho	220	94	117	124	148	71	90	127	368	165	207	125
Wyo.	70	34	35	103	51	25	25	100	121	59	60	102
Colo.	278	132	188	142	196	102	141	138	475	234	329	141
N.Mex.	65	36	48	133	45	27	35	130	110	63	83	132
Ariz.	24	14	17	121	18	17	13	76	42	31	30	97
Utah	92	47	56	119	67	36	40	111	159	83	96	116
Nev.	21	12	18	150	12	10	11	110	32	22	29	132
Wash.	163	88	104	118	129	74	99	134	292	162	203	125
Oreg.	176	99	117	118	131	75	102	136	307	174	219	126
Calif.	421	285	281	99	365	250	252	101	786	535	533	100
West.	1,743	956	1,114	117	1,292	757	890	118	3,036	1,713	2,004	117
U.S.	57,023	49,703	55,728	112	35,850	31,809	36,766	116	92,873	81,512	92,494	113

State	Total	Sows Farrowing by Months						Percent of Total					
		June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
		Thousands											
N.Y.	14	2	2	2	4	3	1	10.0	12.7	16.4	29.5	21.4	10.0
Pa.	58	6	7	12	17	9	7	9.8	11.7	21.6	28.9	16.5	11.5
Other N.Atl. 1/	24	2	3	6	5	5	3	8.4	12.5	25.0	20.8	20.8	12.5
N.Atl.	96	10	12	20	26	17	11	10.4	12.5	20.8	27.1	17.7	11.5
Ohio	319	25	36	97	103	43	15	7.8	11.3	30.3	32.3	13.4	4.9
Ind.	512	57	94	177	124	44	16	11.1	18.4	34.6	24.2	8.6	3.1
Ill.	580	67	63	146	199	78	27	11.6	10.9	25.2	34.3	13.4	4.6
Mich.	86	15	15	19	22	12	3	18.1	17.5	21.9	25.5	13.6	3.4
Wis.	163	28	27	42	42	17	7	17.4	16.3	25.6	25.8	10.5	4.4
E.N.Cent.	1,660	192	235	481	490	194	68	11.3	14.1	29.0	29.5	11.7	4.1
Minn.	273	59	38	67	75	27	7	21.7	14.0	24.5	27.3	10.0	2.5
Iowa	911	196	100	241	255	96	23	21.5	11.0	26.5	28.0	10.5	2.5
Mo.	370	37	38	94	119	58	24	9.9	10.4	25.3	32.2	15.8	6.4
N.Dak.	12	6	2	2	1	1	--	49.6	15.4	19.0	10.5	4.2	1.3
S.Dak.	56	17	5	10	15	7	2	31.2	9.4	17.4	26.0	13.1	2.9
Nebr.	144	23	14	28	49	23	7	15.7	9.7	19.7	34.2	16.0	4.7
Kans.	76	8	6	16	28	11	7	10.7	7.9	21.6	36.2	15.0	8.6
W.N.Cent.	1,842	346	203	458	542	223	70	18.8	11.0	24.9	29.4	12.1	3.8
N.Cent.	3,502	538	438	939	1,032	417	138	15.4	12.5	26.8	29.5	11.9	3.9
Del. & Md.	26	2	4	7	7	4	2	7.7	15.4	26.9	26.9	15.4	7.7
Va.	63	4	9	15	17	11	7	6.9	14.0	23.4	27.3	17.8	10.6
W.Va.	15	1	2	3	5	3	1	8.2	10.3	19.8	31.4	20.6	9.7
N.C.	97	10	15	17	22	20	13	10.1	15.6	17.7	23.0	20.1	13.5
S.C.	57	7	8	10	12	12	8	12.5	14.7	17.4	21.4	20.3	13.7
Ga.	155	18	23	31	33	33	17	11.9	15.1	19.9	21.1	21.3	10.7
Fla.	51	7	7	9	13	9	6	13.1	13.6	18.0	25.1	18.5	11.7
S.Atl.	464	49	68	92	109	92	54	10.6	14.7	19.8	23.5	19.8	11.6
Ky.	96	9	13	24	25	16	9	9.3	13.5	24.8	26.1	16.4	9.9
Tenn.	92	11	12	20	20	17	12	12.1	13.3	21.5	21.7	18.0	13.4
Ala.	108	12	19	24	18	21	14	11.4	17.7	22.3	16.5	19.3	12.8
Miss.	56	9	9	11	11	9	7	15.3	17.0	20.0	20.3	15.3	12.1
Ark.	37	6	7	7	7	6	4	17.4	19.2	18.4	18.7	15.3	11.0
La.	42	6	8	7	7	8	6	13.8	17.9	17.8	17.2	18.7	14.6
Okla.	46	5	7	9	13	6	6	10.6	14.8	20.3	28.2	12.9	13.2
Texas	97	12	13	17	22	20	13	12.2	13.6	17.7	23.0	20.0	13.5
S.Cent.	574	70	88	119	123	103	71	12.2	15.3	20.7	21.4	18.0	12.4
Colo.	16	2	3	3	4	3	1	15.4	16.7	18.2	23.7	18.2	7.8
Wash.	10	1	1	2	3	2	1	8.7	12.5	21.4	31.8	18.3	7.3
Oreg.	10	1	1	3	3	1	1	10.3	14.6	32.4	25.9	10.9	5.9
Calif	41	5	7	9	9	6	5	12.5	16.0	22.0	21.8	15.3	12.4
Other Western 2/	38	7	6	9	10	5	1	18.4	15.8	23.7	26.3	13.2	2.6
Western	115	16	18	26	29	17	9	13.9	15.7	22.6	25.2	14.8	7.8
U.S.	4,751	683	624	1,196	1,319	646	283	14.4	13.1	25.2	27.8	13.6	5.9

1/Includes Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New Jersey.

2/Includes Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Nevada.

FALL - SOWS FARROWING - 1954

State	Total	Sows farrowing by Months						Percent of Total					
		June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
		Thousands											
N.Y.	16	1	2	4	5	3	1	7.8	10.9	21.4	33.2	18.5	8.2
Pa.	84	7	9	14	17	11	6	11.0	13.7	21.3	27.1	16.9	10.0
Other N.Atl. 1/	26	4	4	5	6	4	3	15.4	15.4	19.2	23.1	15.4	11.5
N.Atl.	106	12	15	23	28	18	10	11.3	14.2	21.7	26.4	17.0	9.4
Ohio	364	34	46	107	108	48	21	9.3	12.6	29.5	29.6	13.3	5.7
Ind.	589	78	109	198	134	48	22	13.2	18.5	33.7	22.7	8.1	3.8
Ill.	667	82	85	170	208	87	35	12.3	12.8	25.5	31.2	13.0	5.2
Mich.	94	19	14	22	23	12	4	19.8	15.0	23.5	24.9	12.5	4.3
Wis.	183	34	31	46	46	18	8	18.5	17.0	25.3	24.9	10.1	4.2
E.N.Cent.	1,897	247	285	543	519	213	90	13.0	15.0	28.6	27.4	11.2	4.8
Minn.	311	78	42	77	76	30	8	25.2	13.4	24.7	24.3	9.8	2.6
Iowa	1,011	200	116	268	283	109	35	19.8	11.5	26.5	28.0	10.8	3.4
Mo.	407	48	59	112	110	54	24	11.7	14.5	27.6	27.0	13.2	6.0
N.Dak.	15	8	2	2	2	1	--	49.0	13.3	13.9	13.8	8.6	1.4
S.Dak.	66	20	7	11	19	7	2	30.8	11.3	16.2	28.3	11.1	2.3
Nebr.	174	26	17	41	54	25	11	14.7	9.9	23.8	31.1	14.5	6.0
Kans.	90	11	13	22	25	12	7	12.4	13.9	24.8	28.1	12.8	8.0
W.N.Cent.	2,074	391	256	533	569	238	87	18.9	12.3	25.7	27.4	11.5	4.2
N.Cent.	3,971	638	541	1,076	1,088	451	177	16.1	13.6	27.1	27.4	11.3	4.5
Del. & Md.	28	3	4	7	7	4	3	10.7	14.3	25.0	25.0	14.3	10.7
Va.	69	8	9	19	17	10	6	12.0	13.0	26.7	24.2	14.8	9.3
W.Va.	16	1	2	4	5	3	1	7.6	9.0	23.8	32.6	19.4	7.6
N.C.	115	13	16	23	26	20	17	11.0	14.1	19.7	23.0	17.7	14.5
S.C.	63	9	11	14	13	10	6	14.5	17.2	21.9	20.0	16.5	9.9
Ga.	181	24	32	39	38	30	18	13.2	17.4	21.8	21.2	16.4	10.0
Fla.	55	5	6	11	14	10	9	9.5	10.9	19.2	25.7	19.0	15.7
S.Atl.	527	63	80	117	120	87	60	12.0	15.2	22.2	22.7	16.5	11.4
Ky.	115	12	16	28	31	17	11	10.4	13.9	24.2	27.2	14.7	9.6
Tenn.	109	14	18	24	23	17	13	12.6	16.6	21.9	21.4	15.4	12.1
Ala.	126	15	20	32	24	19	16	11.6	16.2	25.3	18.9	15.3	12.7
Miss.	60	7	11	11	13	11	7	11.6	18.2	18.6	21.7	17.5	12.4
Ark.	43	7	9	10	6	7	4	16.1	19.6	22.4	14.6	17.2	10.1
La.	48	6	7	10	9	9	7	12.9	14.9	20.4	17.9	19.7	14.2
Okla.	58	8	8	13	15	9	5	14.1	14.5	21.5	25.5	15.5	8.9
Texas	126	19	24	24	25	22	12	15.4	19.0	19.2	19.4	17.3	9.7
S.Cent.	685	88	113	152	146	111	75	12.8	16.5	22.2	21.3	16.2	11.0
Colo.	21	4	3	5	5	2	2	19.2	12.8	24.2	22.0	12.1	9.7
Wash.	14	1	1	3	5	3	1	10.8	10.2	18.9	34.3	18.5	7.3
Oreg.	14	2	3	3	3	2	1	15.0	17.6	23.5	21.4	13.8	8.7
Calif.	42	6	7	8	8	8	5	14.1	15.8	18.5	18.8	19.9	12.9
Other Western 2/	44	7	7	10	10	7	3	15.9	15.9	22.7	22.8	15.9	6.8
Western	135	20	21	29	31	22	12	14.8	15.5	21.5	23.0	16.3	8.9
U.S.	5,424	821	770	1,397	1,413	689	334	15.1	14.2	25.8	26.0	12.7	6.2

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2/Includes Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Nevada.

Compared with a year earlier, the monthly distribution of farrowings in the 1954 fall season shows a larger percentage of litters in June, July, August and November and smaller percentages in September and October. The percentage of sows farrowing each month during the fall season compared with the same month in 1953 is as follows: June 1954, 15.1 percent compared with 14.4 percent in June 1953; July, 14.2 compared with 13.1; August 25.8 and 25.2; September, 26.0 and 27.8; October, 12.7 and 13.6; and November, 6.2 and 5.9.

Spring Pig Crop: The 1954 spring pig crop is now estimated at 55,728,000 pigs, 12 percent above 1953. The number of sows farrowed in the 1954 spring season totaled 8,080,000 head, 11 percent larger than a year earlier. The number of pigs saved per litter at 6.90 was the highest of record.

Yearly Pig Crop: The combined spring and fall pig crop for 1954 is estimated at 92,494,000 head. This is 10,982,000 head or 13 percent larger than the 1953 crop and only slightly below average. The total 1954 pig crop is the largest since 1951.

Spring Intentions: Farmers' reports on breeding intentions indicate 8,469,000 sows to farrow in the spring of 1955 (December 1, 1954-June 1, 1955). This would be an increase of 5 percent from last spring, but 6 percent below average. All regions showed increases over the spring of 1954 as follows: North Atlantic, up 3 percent; North Central, 5 percent; South Atlantic, 1 percent. South Central, 6 percent; and West, up 4 percent. These estimated changes from last year are based on breeding intentions reported by farmers on December 1.

If the intentions for spring farrowing materialize, and the number of pigs saved per litter equals the average with an allowance for upward trend, the 1955 spring pig crop would be about 58.5 million head. A spring crop this size would be 5 percent larger than in 1954 and 3 percent larger than the average spring crop. For the Corn Belt, the 1955 spring crop would be 5 percent larger than last year.

Hogs Over 6 Months Old on Farms: The number of hogs over 6 months old (including sows) on farms on December 1 this year was reported at about 14 percent more than the number on December 1 last year. Although the number of sows to be farrowed next spring is above last spring the proportion of sows to all hogs over 6 months old on December 1, 1954 is smaller. Farrowings of the 1954 spring pig crop were the earliest on record. However, hogs from this crop have been marketed at heavier weights than a year earlier. Although the 1954 spring crop was 12 percent larger than a year earlier, total commercial hog slaughter from August through October was up only 8 percent this year compared with the same period a year earlier. Federally inspected hog slaughter in November was up only 5 percent. December marketings are substantially above last December.

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